

FADS AND FASHIONS



New York, June 3.—Regardless of the new panniers there is a remarkable variety in the fashions of today.

The frocks and costumes displayed in the shops show an endless variety of more or less picturesque styles. Although the narrow skirts still preponderate, many of the models can easily be adapted for the use of women to whom extremely narrow skirts would be unbecoming. This is especially true of evening costumes, of which many attractive models are shown.

The trains of the evening frocks are rather less wispy than they have been, and show a leaning toward round or square lines instead of the fish-tail and sharp pointed effects of the winter, but except in the case of certain period gowns they are still likely to be of very soft trailing stuffs with no limit of billowing folds or boffancy. Very frequently, indeed usually, they are a part of the tunic or separate drapery unconnected with the skirt proper; but in the French frocks of an extreme type one finds amazing arrangements of skirt drapery morning into odd little trains and entailing an opening from hem to ankle or knee at foot or side. Of course this slashed up skirt will not be worn without some filling in by the conservatives, but the filling in is often in the form of several layers of filmy chiffon petticoats.

In short frocks one finds fewer formal evening models than one did a little while ago, but there are still charming short frocks for informal evening wear and the daintiest of short dance frocks for the younger women. The feeling for trained gowns is undoubtedly on the increase, but many women find it hard to give up the comfort of the short frock, and fortunately there is much more use

for the informal evening toilette than for the strictly formal frock during the summer months.

Among the dressy afternoon frocks the short skirt is still vastly in the majority, though trained skirts are creeping in here too. They are really charming, these pretty and useful afternoon frocks, and one may have them as simple or as elaborate as one pleases.

Many of the new silks are highly satisfactory for the purpose and have little of the air of convention toward whose very virtues as a general utility frock militate against it. There is a type of foulard frock which is almost painfully practical and which for a number of years was almost a summer uniform, but this is no longer so. There are still practically foulards, but they are usually of the radium kind and of designs and colorings differing from the once ubiquitous dark blue and white polka dot or geometrical design.

However, there are still dark blue and white colorings. They are so admirable for hard wear and are so generally becoming that women would be unwilling to give them up, but there are fewer dots, and where a dot design is used it is very likely to be relieved by a border of stripe or by a plain border, or to be made up with plain material used in liberal quantity. Sometimes there is contrasting color introduced in the border or the wide border may be of blue and white, but may have a narrow edge, not more than an inch or so of some contrasting color.

Dark blue and white stripe radium foulard with a border design is well like and, the border in some of the best designs consists of broad, graduated transverse stripes of con-

trasting color or of plain blue or white. Jovial designs of the small prim sort are popular for foulards and make up charmingly. These, however, are usually more attractive in medium colorings than in dark effects and are really at their best with a white ground, on which the quaint little design is closely sprinkled in soft though often rather audacious colorings.

The taffetas have to some extent superseded the long rignaut foulard as summer silk for general wear, but one must admit that taffeta is harder to handle successfully than the softer and more graceful silks, and the percentage of altogether satisfactory afternoon frocks in taffeta is rather small. It is a difficult not to have the silk look either fussy or bangle-some. It is not at its best when drawn smoothly and yet to drape it without running into the very picturesque or falling foul of the awkward tuckiness is not a simple matter. On the whole it is easier to make up taffeta in combination with some softer material in the same color than to use only the silk. Nevertheless delightful effects can be obtained with the taffeta practically alone when the designer is clever.

Sashes are very much in vogue this season and the summer frock that has not a sash of one sort or another must be considered hopelessly out of style. Sometimes the sash is of taffeta ribbon; sometimes of satin shaped in tab form and edged with lace frills. Again it may be entirely of lace, piped all round the edges with satin. One sees sashes of very broad ribbon simply looped and allowed to fall over the skirt in overlapping ends; and one sees black velvet sashes knotted and tied in all sorts of ways and clapped against the frock in all sorts of casual ways.

In Paris they are all mad about the Martini Armand sash, tied in many loops, and falling over the skirt at the left side of the back. These sashes are usually made of very wide, soft changeable taffeta ribbon, and the

loops do not stand out sideways in butterfly-wing fashion, but rise, one above the other and fall below the knot in the same fashion. There are two sharply slanting ends, one falling to the hip, and the other exactly under it, to the knee. If the ends of the sash fall separately from the waist line, they are sure to be caught together again at the hip or knee and knotted, or fastened under a rosette or cabouchon of tiny ribbon roses. Whatever sash ends, do they must not flutter, and small weights on tapes are usually sewed to the ends of the ribbon. If the sash has pointed or tab shaped ends, tassels or ball trimming may furnish the necessary weight.

A popular summer fancy recently seen is a belt of pink moire, with buckle composed of rosebuds and leaves in ribbon work, thickly incrustated in the style of a prim old bouquet. Jaunty tailored suits in serge and in worsted show the pleated skirt falling from a deep yoke, over which is a sort of tunic blouse, which in no small degree suggests the moyen age effect.

Crashes, striped linens and novelty weaves make up the light summer suits, and these fabrics are being varied most effectively.

New neck fixings combine fine Irish lace and velvet in all sorts of ways—bows, balls, dangling ends, loops and wee roses all playing their part.

Long suede gloves are very much in favor this spring among well dressed and fashionable women.

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WOMEN'S GOLF TOURNEY

Philadelphia, June 3.—The annual championship tournament of the Women's Eastern Golf association began today on the links of the Philadelphia Cricket club with a large field of contestants. The tournament will continue three days and will be followed during the latter half of the week by the annual Griscum cup competition between Boston, New York and Philadelphia players.

CALENDAR OF SPORTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday,

Annual championship tournament of Women's Eastern Golf association opens in Philadelphia.

Pennsylvania state tennis championships (for men) begin at Haverford, Pa.

Maryland state tennis championships begin in Baltimore.

Cotton states tennis championships begin in Montgomery, Ala.

Tuesday,

Willie Hoppe vs. Harry Cline, at Philadelphia, for 18.2 balkline championship.

Annual tournament of Missouri Trap Shooters' association opens at Mexico, Mo.

Opening of Cedar Valley circuit race meeting at Des Moines, Ia.

New England championship tennis tournament opens at Hartford, Conn.

Charley White vs. Young Shugross, 110 rounds, at New York.

Wednesday,

Opening of annual exhibition of Winnipeg (Man.) Horse Show association.

Opening of ten days' spring race meeting at Marlboro, Md.

Ad Wolgast vs. Phil Brock, six rounds, at Pittsburg.

Thursday,

Middle Athletic Golf association championship opens at Washington, D. C.

New Jersey State Golf association championship opens at Atlantic City.

Opening of the annual horse show of the Plainfield (N. J.) Riding and Driving club.

Opening of the fourth annual summer race meeting at State Fair park, Oklahoma City.

Saturday,

Eastern Olympic trials at Harvard stadium, Cambridge, Mass.

Western Olympic trials at North-western field, Evanston, Ill.

Canadian Olympic trials at Montreal.

Latonia derby will be run at track of the Latonia Jockey club.

Missouri State Golf association championship opens at Kansas City.

Championship meet of the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic association at Detroit.

Will we soon see by wire?

Laugh, if you will, at the apparent folly of seeing by wire, but in the midst of your mirth please do not forget that our grandfathers laughed just as heartily, when there was rumor of talking over wires. And, if anyone had intimated that future generations would even talk without the aid of wires, over thousands of miles of ocean, granddads would have passed away with a stroke of apoplexy superinduced by congested laughter.

When it is remembered that the voice can be reproduced by mechanical means, inasmuch as it is but a series of vibrations in the air; that vision is but another kind of vibration in the ether, it looks as though seeing over wires would be quite as simple as talking over the telephone. The time may come, and not so very far away either, when he will pick up the telephone and not only talk with our friends, hundreds of miles away, but see them quite distinctly as well.

Electricity travels at nearly the same speed as light, 186,000 miles a second, and it is planned to change the light vibrations into electrical vibrations, send them over the wire, and then change them back into light vibrations, which will be visible to the naked eye. This is exactly what occurs in a telephone in a much simpler way. The sound waves are changed into electric waves, these electric waves are flashed over a wire and the receiver changes them back again into sound waves with the aid of a delicate magnet and a metal disk.

Prof. Rosing of the technological institute of St. Petersburg, has al-

ready accomplished much in sending rays of light over a wire with the assistance of electricity. The Roentgen apparatus is as yet in its infancy, but very small objects can be seen with it and it is only reasonable to suppose that within a short time we will be able to see a person while speaking to him over the telephone.

PHYSICIANS IN ATLANTIC CITY

Atlantic City, N. J., June 3.—Noted physicians from every part of the United States and Canada, with a number from European countries, are coming into this resort by the hundreds today to take part in the sixty-third annual meeting of the American Medical association, which is to begin its sessions here tomorrow. Many famous medical authorities will take part in the general sessions and the numerous sectional conferences, and in consequence a week of splendid scientific work is anticipated. One of the most important features of the week will be a three-day conference for the discussion of health problems in modern industry and the best methods for stamping out industrial diseases.

MONUMENT DEDICATED

Chattanooga, Tenn., June 3.—The monument erected on the Chickamauga battlefield in memory of the Alabama soldiers who participated in the historic conflict was dedicated today with impressive exercises conducted by the Ladies' Memorial association and other patriotic organizations. The monument, which was designed by H. C. Hamaze, is located on the firing line, a spot which was held by the Confederate soldiers from Alabama during the great battle.

NEVADA DEMOCRATS

Reno, Nev., June 3.—Democrats of Nevada assembled at Fallon today for a state convention to select delegates to the national convention at Baltimore. The followers of Champ Clark and Woodrow Wilson are contesting for control of the delegation.

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